

**NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
TO CONSIDER AMENDMENTS TO THE
WORKERS' COMPENSATION RULES OF PROCEDURE, 7 CCR 1101-3**

Notice is given of the extension of the public comment period to afford all interested persons an opportunity to be heard prior to the adoption of proposed amendments to the Workers' Compensation Rules of Procedure, 7 C.C.R. 1101-3 as described below. The Director of the Division of Workers' Compensation has the authority to promulgate rules pursuant to the Workers' Compensation Act as set forth in section 8-47-107 as well as sections 8-44-112 and 8-46-102, C.R.S.

The Division of Workers' Compensation (DWC) has set a rulemaking hearing for August 17, 2011, to provide stakeholders with the opportunity to comment on proposed changes to Rule 16 (Utilization Standards) and Rule 18 (Medical Fee Schedule) of the Workers' Compensation Rules of Procedure.

The DWC acknowledges the proposed rules for next year address significant and complex issues. In recognition of this fact, and based on public comments received since the commencement of rulemaking, the DWC will provide additional time and opportunity to comment on the proposed changes to Rules 16 and 18. Specifically, the public record will remain open after the August 17th hearing, and a second hearing will be held.

Date and Time of Second Hearing: September 14, 2011
9:00 a.m.

Place of Hearing: 633 17th Street
2nd Floor Conference Room
Denver, CO

The second public hearing will be held in accordance with the provisions of the Colorado Administrative Procedures Act, section 24-4-103, CRS. Any interested party is invited to appear at the hearing and testify or to submit written data, arguments or position papers to Paul Tauriello, Director, Division of Workers' Compensation, 633 17th Street, Suite 400, Denver, CO 80202. Any written submissions should be submitted to the Director's Office prior to the hearing on September 14, 2011.

The topics to be considered during the extended comment period are:

Rule 16

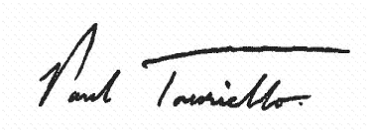
Revisions to language and standard terminology, revisions to or clarification of administrative procedures and requirements necessary to implement the Division Medical Treatment Guidelines and Medical Fee Schedule.

Rule 18

Revisions to clarify or update the language of the Medical Fee Schedule; revisions to the medical billing codes systems; update of fees and relative values; revisions to medical requirements, procedures and payments as they relate to the Medical Fee Schedule.

The DWC strongly urges stakeholders to take advantage of the extended comment period to provide additional information, recommendations, and data on the issues covered in Rules 16 and 18 that may impact them. In particular, the DWC hopes to receive substantive and detailed comments on proposed reductions to ambulatory surgery center reimbursement rates, additional requirements for drug compounding, and restrictions on drug dispensing from physician offices.

The DWC strives to promote regulations that maximize the efficiency and effectiveness of Colorado's workers' compensation system. The DWC believes extending the comment period will allow stakeholders to provide additional, valuable information that will help the DWC achieve these goals.

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Paul Tauriello
Director

August 12, 2011
Date